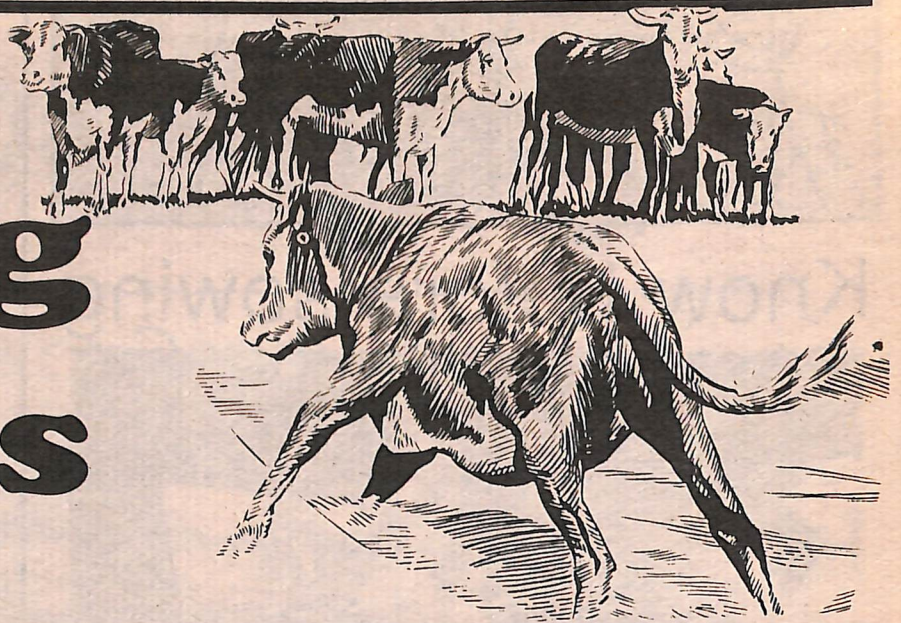


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The bearers of a 125 year tradition (l-r) Ralph Brown, assistant market superintendent-produce market, Andrew Connell, assistant market superintendent-saleyards and Peter Edwards, superintendent of markets-Dandenong. Photo courtesy Dandenong Journal.

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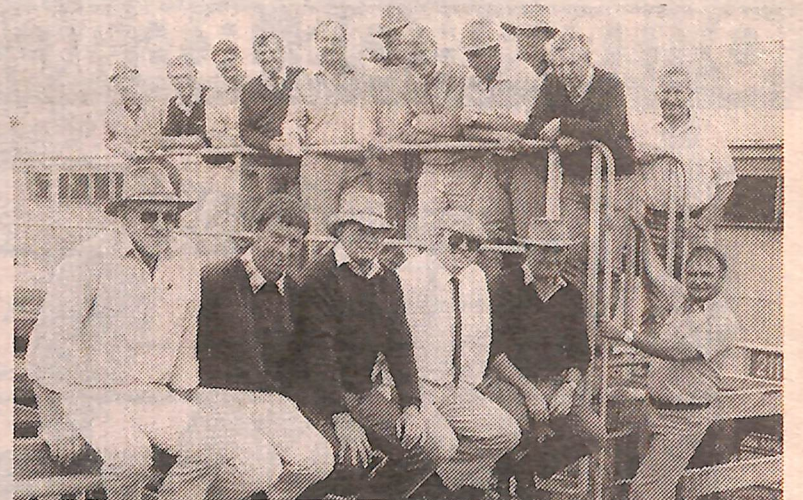
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## Market day times

On October 10, 1866, the Dandenong Market was officially opened for business with livestock sales scheduled fortnightly. Still going strong, the market cele-

brates its 125th anniversary this year. The Dandenong Produce Market developed informally as a general merchandising market alongside the livestock

market, only becoming a separate entity between 1859 and 1961 when the livestock section was relocated to what was then rural land between the Dandenong railway station and Cheltenham Road.

The Dandenong Livestock Market now trades four days a week and maintains its position as one of Victoria's two busiest saleyards.

The Dandenong Produce Market trades on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 am to 3 pm and on Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm.

Since October 1986, a craft market has been conducted in the produce market on the second Sunday of each month (excluding January) from 9 am to 2.30 pm.

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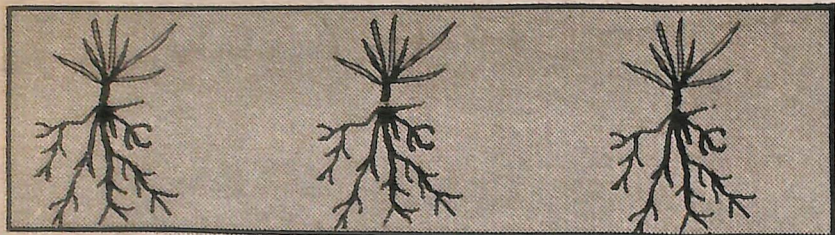
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Pastures on average are renovated on about a 20 year cycle. This means that there is only a very narrow window where farmers can apply lime to its best effectiveness.

Obviously where lime is needed it may change the sowing method from one of direct drilling to one that includes at least some cultivation.

On the other end of the scale, where the pH of the soil is reasonable, farmers are not restricted to using super lime. Alternative products such as single, double or triple super products can be used. These all offer freight, handling and time advantages over super-lime.

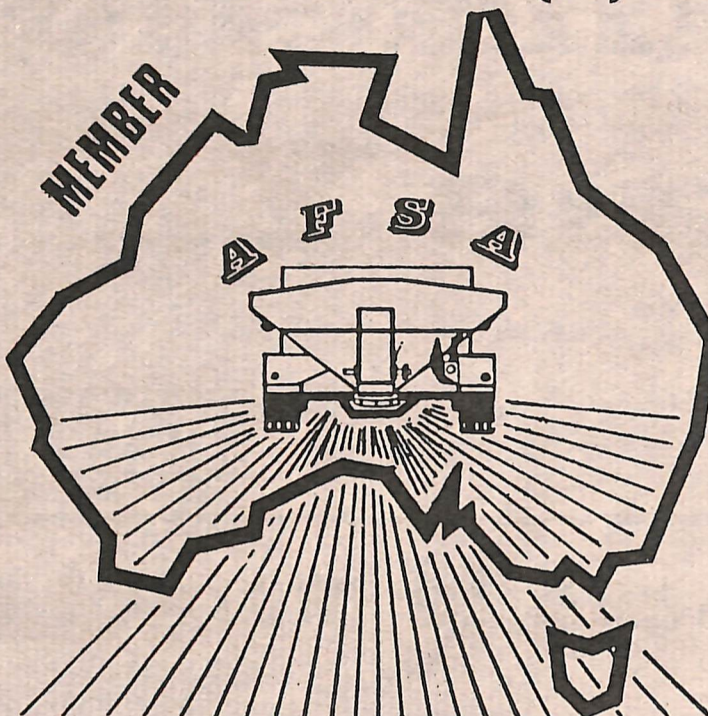
A soil test will also provide guidelines to the fertiliser management of pasture once it has established - in particular the need for potassium.

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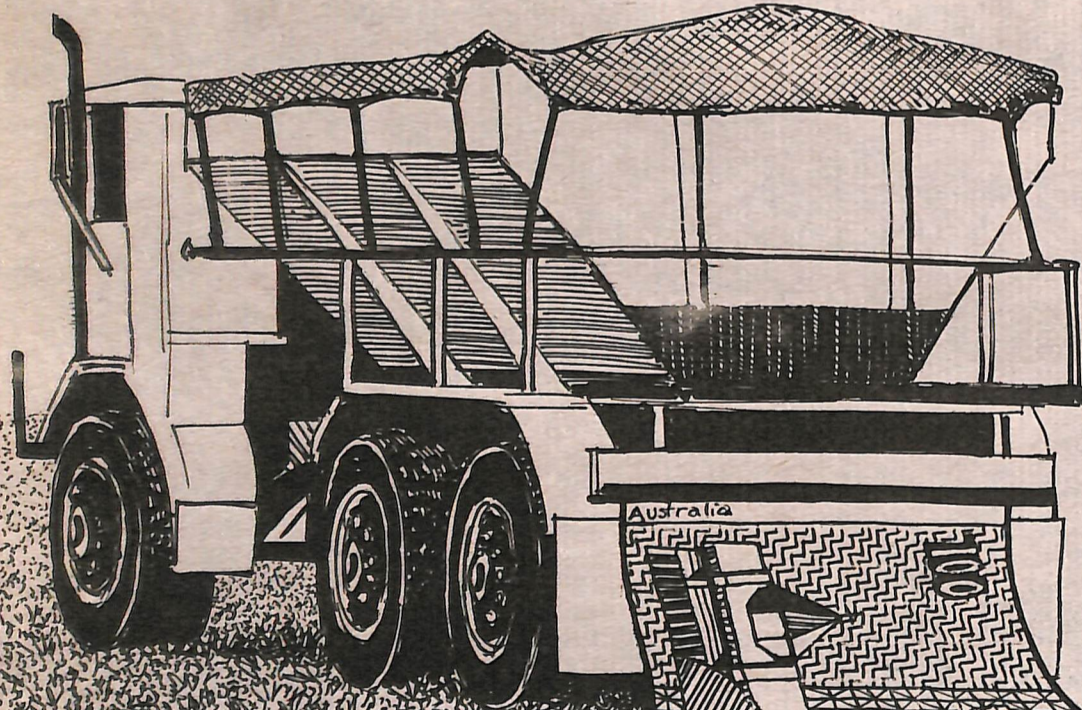
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# Market City Dandenong

## Market marks its 125th birthday

Historical research indicates that following the first European settlement of the Dandenong district in the late 1840s the importance of the area as a meeting and trading centre soon became apparent.

The Dandenong district was first sighted by Europeans when W Hovell explored down the Dandenong Creek whilst surveying Westernport Bay in January 1827.

The first settler in the Dandenong area was J Hawdon who established a cattle station there in 1837.

With the early establishment of cattle stations in the district between Westernport and Port Phillip Bays, trading in livestock and produce began to take place in the settlement on the banks of the Dandenong Creek.

The road from Melbourne to Dandenong was surveyed in 1847 but it was not until 1857 that the route surveyed was cleared of bush between St Kilda and Dandenong. By September 1865, Hewitt & Co.'s Coaches offered a daily service from Dandenong to Melbourne, connecting with their service from Sale.

When the proposed settlement of Dandenong was first surveyed in the 1850s, two acres of land was set aside as a cattle yards reserve on the corner of Thomas, Foster and Mason Streets. The idea at this early stage was to develop Dandenong as a 'market town'.

The Dandenong Improvement Association, formed in 1863, requested that the Lands Department reserve a site in Dandenong for a public market - the already secured cattle yards reserve was overlooked and another site at the intersection of Lonsdale and McCrae Streets was chosen.

In November 1863 Dandenong ratepayers petitioned for the establishment of a market in Dandenong and in May 1864 the colonial Government officially granted approval of this.

In an effort to capitalise upon the growing tendency for Dandenong to become a centre of some importance, particularly in the fledgling livestock industry, commissioners were elected on July 22, 1864, to set up a

market place in Dandenong.

Due to problems encountered in obtaining finance to erect market buildings and enclosures, it was not until October 10, 1866 that the Market was officially opened for business.

The saleyards, such as they were, were first leased to Rosling and Huckson for one pound per annum in return for their undertaking to upgrade the yards to handle as many as 100 head of cattle, 100 sheep and facilities for selling pigs. Messrs Rosling and Huckson were in fact the first auctioneers to operate in the market - later 'pioneer' auctioneers included Messrs Egan, Clarke, Howard and Scott. In addition to the full range of livestock that was auctioned, farm produce ranging from honey and hay to fruit and vegetables was also auctioned.

Livestock sales were held fortnightly at first but by March 1870 sales were being held on a regular weekly basis with as many as 300 vendors and buyers attending.

At this time all the other livestock saleyards east of Melbourne, including the then popular Cranbourne market, operated monthly.

Businesses associated with the livestock industry including saddlers, veterinarians, butchers and even a blacksmith forge soon set up shop in close proximity to the market and Dandenong was well and truly 'on the map'.

Anecdotal evidence points to the fact that produce merchants and retailers of general merchandise attended these early livestock sales and established a type of 'Paddy's market' that became a popular adjunct to the livestock market.

The inaugural Dandenong Show was held in the Dandenong Market Saleyards on Thursday, March 7, 1872. Subsequent Dandenong Shows were held in the 'cattle yard reserve'.

Dandenong's first cattle pound was established within the saleyards in January 1878.

In 1926 the market was again relocated, this time to the corner of Clow and Cleeland Streets onto land that had been acquired by

## Changing face of Dandy market



The Dandenong Market has changed a great deal over the years. This was how the 'old' Dandenong looked in the early 1970s.

the Shire Council for this purpose in 1890. In 1956 the livestock section of the market commenced its move to the

area that it now occupies on Cheltenham Road, behind the Dandenong railway yards.

The produce market is still located on the corner of Clow and Cleeland Streets, although the buildings

comprising the market have undergone numerous changes and the adjacent football ground which also accommo-

dated the Dandenong Show has for many years now fulfilled its duty as the market carpark.

# Market City Dandenong

## Dandenong Market



OPEN 8.00 am to 3.00 pm  
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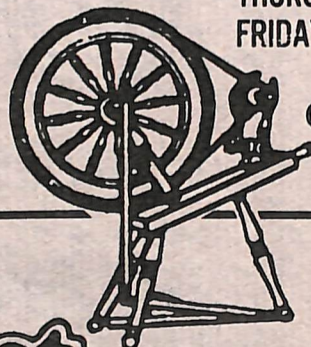
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## 1992 CRAFT MARKET CALENDAR

January: No Market	July: Sunday 12th
February: Sunday 9th	August: Sunday 9th
March: Sunday 8th	September: Sunday 13th
April: Sunday 12th	October: Sunday 11th
May: Sunday 10th	November: Sunday 8th
June: Sunday 14th	December: Sunday 13th

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For business the growing popularity of horse competitions also offers sponsorship potential.

Many of the traditional equestrian disciplines have new competitions being offered. More growth areas include time trials, navigation rides, endurance, bush racing, Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria competitions, driving and breed society shows and performance competitions.

The inaugural Yarra Valley Show Jumping Festival was held on September 8. The show jumping enthusiasts flocked to Wesburn Park for the EFA, Pony Club, Freshmans and Jumping Equitation Rings. Many promising younger riders competed with success. The EFA ring was dominated by Amanda Vallis on Alona.

The return of the Victorian Show Jumping Championships spon-

sored by Hy-Gain, attracted a class field of riders to the State Equestrian Centre on September 14 and 15. The A and B grade Grand Prix was won by the in-form Raymond Thomas and Rhinestone Cowboy. The Vic- and a combined training and horse show was held at the same time.

Some of the forthcoming competitions offering new events or classes and those ideal as family entertainment are highlighted in the following.

Meeting the demand for horse trials competitions, the Rupertswood Horse Trials at picturesque Salesian College Grounds at Sunbury, is only in its second year but it is booming. So set aside October 26 and 27. Over 200 competitors in Restricted Novice and Novice classes will compete on day one in dressage and showjumping and on day two in cross country. It should be noted that Richard Mitton and Daniel Wilson won classes last year with both their horses going

Marg Matthews



Amanda Vallis on Alona at the Yarra Valley Show Jumping Festival.

on to win at Gawler 3DE this year.

There is a social Saturday night at 'Emu Bottom' homestead, plus trade displays, the police pipe band, jazz and rock bands and a car display including NAS cars over the weekend. Enquiries on (054) 270 311.

Family recreational entertainment is offered on October 11-13 at the Melbourne Diabetes Australia Horse Festival at historic Werribee Park. Featuring Yalumba Wines International three day event, a final qualifier for Barcelona Olympics team selections. There is also polo, young riders championship, carriage driving, a horse show plus a host of entertainment including sheep dog trials, trade village and mansion and zoo tours.

On November 9 and 10 visit the ULR Landrover Wandin Park National Horse Trials Championships. The largest advanced class ever is expected, including the current world champion Blyth Tait, leading a New Zealand team against three Australian internationals. The Saddle-Up Young Event Horse trophy finalists will be judged by Tad Coffin, US Olympic gold medalist. Trade fairs and main arena events and demonstrations are offered at the spectacular scenic setting at 'Wandin Park'. Enquiries on (059) 643 871.

Another new official EFA dressage competition is being hosted by Shirley Heights Equestrian Centre at Gladysdale on November 17. Tests Preliminary through to me-

dium plus and freestyle to music are included. Higher level tests conducted indoors, prize money offered for each section. Enquiries (059) 666 298.

For endurance enthusiasts there is the Black Spur Inn Endurance Ride on October 26 and 27 with 80km competitive, 40km training and 40km harness. Enquiries (056) 596 361.

Recreational riders are preparing for the HRCV Horseland Ringwood Top Team Trophy Horse Trials at Wesburn Park on November 17. Over 200 competitors are expected, many trying horse trials for the first time. Enquiries (059) 671 498.

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- Winner of the inaugural 'Australian Equestrian Scholarship' for Marcus Oldham to be announced at the Melbourne Horse Festival.

- Catching up on news. Congratulations to Glenda and Doug Hinchcliffe of Coldstream on the birth of their first child, a daughter Faye.

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